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PATENT

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5 In re application of: : CHRISTIAN TABACUTU  
Serial No. : 09/870,039  
Filed : May 30, 2001  
10 For : Connector Apparatus, And Associated Method, Formed Of  
Material Exhibiting Physical Memory Characteristics  
Group No. : 2827  
15 Examiner : Ishwarbhai B. Patel

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to telephonic conferences with the Examiner on 3 and 4 March 2003,  
30 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-20 and amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 by  
substituting therefor the following substitute claims:

1. (Twice Amended) In an electronic circuit component mounted upon a substrate and  
35 electronically connected thereto, the substrate defining a seating surface at which the electronic  
circuit is received in seating engagement thereon, the seating surface having at least a first indent